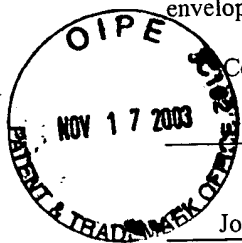


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)

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Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.



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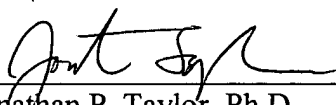
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- ☒ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 13, 2003


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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 17, 2003, and to the Advisory Action dated September 17, 2003, please enter the amendments and consider the following remarks, as set forth below. Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.